

## Message Text

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SUBJ: KORNIYENKO AND MAL'TSEV APPOINTMENTS OFFICIAL: VORONTSOV  
TO INDIA

REF: (A) MOSCOW 18084, (B) MOSCOW 18347

1. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS OF KORNIYENKO AND MAL'TSEV (IN THAT ORDER) AS FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS WAS CARRIED ON TASS WIRE EVENING OF DEC 23 AND IN CENTRAL PRESS DEC 24.

2. ALONG WITH THIS ANNOUNCEMENT CAME NEWS THAT, AS RUMORED (REFTEL B), YULIY VORONTSOV HAS BEEN NAMED SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO INDIA.

3. DURING CALL AT MFA USA DIVISION DEC 23, POLCOUNS WAS TOLD IT WAS "OPEN SECRET" THAT KORNIYENKO WOULD BE REPLACED AS HEAD OF USA DIVISION BY PRESENT DEPUTY CHIEF KOMPLEKTOV. SOURCE ADDED THAT KORNIYENKO WAS STILL HOSPITALIZED BUT RECOVERING (PRESUMABLY FROM FLU OR PNEUMONIA).

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4. COMMENT: IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE REACTION OF INDIANS TO VORONTOSOV APPOINTMENT. ON FACE OF IT, HE IS CONSIDERABLY JUNIOR TO MAL'TSEV IN THAT HE IS NOT ON CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE OR CENTRAL AUDITING COMMISSION, AND THIS IS HIS FIRST ASSIGNMENT AS CHIEF OF MISSION (ALTHOUGH HE HOLDS RANK OF AMBASSADOR AS HEAD OF SOVIET CSCE DELEGATION).

ON THE OTHER HAND, HIS INTELLIGENCE, COMPETENCE AND FLUENCY IN  
ENGLISH SHOULD HELP OVERCOME ANY INITIAL GOI MISGIVINGS.  
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